

# FUNCTIONS AT THE WORLD'S FAIR WILL ATTRACT SOCIETY THIS FALL.

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Again we pay our morning's mail for the new and important launch of World's Fair Invitations.

They are flooding the town and the season has begun, so far as the region of Forest Park is concerned.

Beyond some scattering weddings there will be little else all fall, I imagine. The few debutantes who are to come out, will have to do their budding at the Fair if they wish to shine in the full-lime-light. Even the weddings that are arranged, if any guests are asked at all, will partake largely of the Fair atmosphere. And so we will whither away on to the holidays after that, the deluge.

**MRS. LYON, AUTHOR.**  
Such a versatile lady—Mrs. Dore Lyon! I have known all summer of her social graces and her hostess ability, but it took this last week to reveal some accomplishments and interests along certain lines that are not along to many of us. Turning over a pile of new books I opened one green and gold volume to discover "Prudence Pratt," on the fly leaf, and "By Mrs. Dore Lyon" just beneath. When I gently turned Mrs. Lyon that same night at the New York State building, the authorship, the admitted writing the story with much merit, so others tell me—but spoke scornfully of it in the manner that all great artists adopt toward their earlier works, I have noticed.

She says, however, that it is her first, and was done to get her hand in, and as such has served her well in preparation for another and more pretentious story, which she is now putting into shape, and which, I imagine, will deal largely with the Fair and some of its social conditions.

Won't we read it with avidity, though, next winter, when the Fair is gone and out only tender, humorous, regretful and relieved feelings remain?

I have an idea that a novel on the social side of the Fair, written by no less a prominent person than the hostess of the New York State building, will reach its tenth thousand. Don't you agree with me?

**MANY SOCIAL CHANGES.**  
Anna Force is just back from the Northern Lakes.

"Such doings in town since I've been gone," she exclaimed the other day. "Everybody that I know has either eloped suddenly and been married, or gotten engaged to somebody that the family doesn't approve of, or else moved out of town, or something similarly startling."

"I never knew so many social changes in society as this summer. It seems to go with the World's Fair atmosphere."

**HOSTESS WITH TACT.**  
"Commend me to a hostess who has tact and considers her guests," declared Helen "Caudle," who recently finished a round of Chicago and Michigan visits.

"While away this summer I received a letter from a matron friend, inviting me over to Grand Rapids for a little country house visit of one week. It was decidedly the most tactful invitation that ever came my way, and I'll tell you why. After specifying the day of my arrival and departure, with some information about the best trains and telling me that the trap and one of her sons would meet me at any one of the points to which I wire my choice, she went on to say:

"Perhaps you will like to know what social doings are on for the week of your stay, so that you may make arrangements accordingly. Well, there will be a garden party, quite large, which I am giving myself, an informal dance at the Country Club, a coaching party to Fern Glen, followed by a picnic supper and moonlight drive home, and a tennis tournament at the club one afternoon. Then I shall give to you a small dinner on the last evening of your stay, inviting only the girls and men whom you prefer."

"Do you see how nice and thoughtful all this was? I knew exactly what functions were to be given, and could plan my gown accordingly."

"I therefore provided myself with a frilly organdie and my best plumed summer hat for the garden party; a simple decollete gown for the dance, a linen coat and skirt with white belt hat for the coaching party, and a plaid, which same I did admirably for the tennis tournament, while the decollete gown served again for the small dinner."

"In that way I took nothing but necessary baggage, and had no load of useless gowns and hats, while my things were perfectly suitable, as they doubtless would not have been had I not received her hints, for I had never visited at this country place before, and really had an idea that it was more a farm than anything else, where nothing in the way of clothes and hats and gingham with a big straw hat to keep off the sun would be required. You may imagine how grateful I was and how relieved to think that I had not been either over or under-dressed."

**BOOK SHOP JOKE.**  
My book-shop friend tells this joke on himself:

"We had just gotten in a lot of book and stationery satchels. Ever see one? Well, here's a pile. You observe that they are round, paper, decorated articles, with

a World's Fair design on one side and pale purple violets on the other. They are filled with various sweet odors, like clove pink and rose petals, and others too numerous to mention. This same pile had just been laid on the counter as I came forward to assist a lady in selecting a birthday book. She glared at me in disbelief, saying: 'This is positively and then said to her feminine companion in a tone that only a deaf man could not have heard:

"My! but that man sure smells like powder!"

—SILVERIA LAMR.

**MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS.**

**Fine Watches at Mermod & Jaccard's.**

A party was given at the home of Mrs. J. H. Lyon, last evening, in honor of the late Mrs. J. H. Lyon, who died last week. The party was given by Mrs. J. H. Lyon, who died last week. The party was given by Mrs. J. H. Lyon, who died last week.

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MRS. DORE LYON.

Hostess of the New York building, from her latest portrait.

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Mrs. Dore Lyon Has Written a Book Entitled, "Prudence Pratt", Which Bids Fair to be Popular—Surprise at Social Changes During the Summer.

day afternoon at the home of the Rev. George M. Lyon, who is the pastor of the First Baptist Church, St. Louis. The book is the story of a young girl, Prudence Pratt, who is the daughter of a wealthy family. The book is the story of a young girl, Prudence Pratt, who is the daughter of a wealthy family.

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